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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ELIMINATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

REF: BUDAPEST 2092 AND PREVIOUS

1. ACTING DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT V (LASZLO NAGY) HAS
HANDED TO DCM NOTE NUMBER 1386/4/1975 DATED AUGUST 21,
1975 PERTAINING TO ELIMINATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS
(CLOSED ZONES AND LIMITED EXIT/ENTRY POINTS). FOLLOWING
IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION FROM HUNGARIAN:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN
BUDAPEST AND WITH REFERENCE TO ITS NOTE NO. 3181 DATED
25 NOVEMBER 1965 HAS THE HONOR TO COMMUNICATE THE
FOLLOWING:

1) BEGINNING ON 20 JULY 1975 THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC SHALL LIFT THE TRAVEL
RESTRICTIONS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 1 OF THE NOTE OF THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REFERRED TO ABOVE ON
MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES IN BUDAPEST AND CITIZENS
OF THE UNITED STATES TRAVELING TO HUNGARY ON OFFICIAL
BUSINESS.

2) THE FREEDOM OF TRAVEL AND MOVEMENT GUARANTEED
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IN ITEM 1 DOES NOT INCLUDE ENTRY BY CITIZENS OF THE

UNITED STATES TO ZONES AND OTHER PLACES OF STATE-
SECURITY SIGNIFICANCE ON THE TERRITORY OF THE
HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. WITHOUT SPECIAL
PERMISSION IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER OR STOP IN THE
VICINITY OF IDENTIFIABLE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

3) THE REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE USE OF BORDER
POINTS OF ENTRY AND EXIT REMAIN UNCHANGED UNTIL FINAL SETTLEMENT
OF THE QUESTION.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC PROPOSES -- ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY --
TO END ALL RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING THE USE OF BORDER POINTS
OF EXIT AND ENTRY. THIS FOLLOWS NATURALLY FROM THE ABOVE
REGULATED ENDING OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS.

THIS NOTE VERBALE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND THE NOTE VERBALE WITH SIMILAR CONTENTS
CONTAINING THE AGREEMENT OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA SHALL CONSTITUTE THE AGREEMENT ON
THE ABOVE, WHICH WILL ENTER INTO FORCE ON -- AUGUST
1975.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE HUNGARIAN
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
IN BUDAPEST THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
END QUOTE.

3. AS NOTED IN PARA 2 REFTEL, EMBASSY INFORMED FONOFF
THAT IT IS PREPARED TO DO AWAY WITH CLOSED AREAS AT ANY
TIME THE GOH AGREES BUT THAT ENTRY/EXIT QUESTION REMAINS
PENDING. GOH HAS NOW TAKEN INITIATIVE IN PROPOSING TO
RESOLVE SIMULTANEOUSLY ISSUES OF CLOSED AREAS AND
ENTRY/EXIT POINTS. LASZLO MAGY COMMENTED THAT FONOFF
HOPED FOR A PROMPT AND POSITIVE REPLY TO THIS PROPOSAL.

4. EMBASSY FORWARDING ORIGINAL OF NOTE PLUS FONOFF
TRANSLATION BY POUCH UNDER REGISTRY NO. 1514010.

5. COMMENT:

A) EMBASSY HAS RUMMAGED THROUGH EXTANT FILES BUT
UNABLE FIND TEXT OF HUNGARIAN FONOFF NOTE 3181,
NOVEMBER 25, 1965 TO WHICH THIS NOTE NO. 1386 REFERS.
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B) NOTE 1386 APPEARS TO PARALLEL SUBSTANCE OF TEXT
CONTAINED STATE 135181.

C) JANOS NAGY COMMISSIONED LASZLO NAGY TO BRING
HIM HIS ICE CREAM.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH
EMBASSY VIEW, WE REQUEST THAT WASHINGTON PROVIDE
TEXT OF NOTE ACCEDING "HUNGARIAN PROPOSAL" AND

AUTHORIZATION TO DELIVER SAME.

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